

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1805 - HB 2152

February 12, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes broadcasters in this state, in cooperation with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters or its successor organization, to develop comprehensive, ordinary plans for preparing for and responding appropriately to an emergency or disaster. Authorizes any state organization that represents broadcasters to establish an approved program for training and certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel as emergency response broadcasters. If such program is established, the following is required:

- Conform with any applicable federal law or guidelines regarding emergency response broadcasters;
- Provide adequate training and education on how to restore, repair, and resupply any broadcast facilities or equipment in areas affected by an emergency; and
- Provide adequate training to protect the personal safety of any emergency broadcasters in an area affected by an emergency.

Authorizes emergency response broadcasters to have access to an emergency area for the purpose of restoring, repairing, or resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability of such broadcaster to acquire, produce, or transmit essential public information during an emergency, unless such access would endanger public safety or inhibit recovery efforts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to TEMA, it will choose to not engage in such training.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this will have no fiscal impact on the Emergency Communications Board.
- It is assumed that all parties involved in training individuals to become emergency response broadcasters, will be privately funded, and receive no state funding.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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